

Christ's followers are called a chosen generation, a royal priest-hood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. I Peter 2: 9. And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father. Rev. 1: 6. Consecrated by blood, and anointed of God's spirit. Therefore, when we are going to commemorate Christ, our sacrifice, who redeemed us with his blood, we wash our feet before we partake of the sacred emblems of his broken body and shed blood and offer up sacrifices of prayers and praises and sincere obedience and feed upon the holy provisions or ordinances of God's house. This is the way laid down by authority of our blessed Master, both by example and precept, and the inspired writer says every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward and how can we escape if we are disobedient? For Moses truly said unto the fathers, a prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things, whatsoever he shall say unto you. Acts 3: 22. There is one law-giver who is able to save and to destroy. James 4: 12. God gave just recompense to the people when they were disobedient to his commandments given through Moses. God commanded not to offer strange incense. Ex. 30: 9. And Nadab and Abihu the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer and put fire therein, and put incense thereon and offered strange fire before the Lord which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord. Lev. 10: 1, 2. God commanded the chief of the house of the Kohathites to take charge of the ark. Num. 3: 30, 31. But we find that when David wanted to move the ark from the house of Abinadab, Uzzah, his son, put forth his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error, and there he died by the ark of God. II Sam. 6: 17. We see here that, although Uzzah was trying to do a kind act the Lord smote him, because he was disobedient. Now how will the children of God in this dispensation be able to escape, if they obey not the sacred ordinances and commandments of our Redeemer and law-giver Jesus Christ? The divine declaration is that he comes in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. II Thess. 1: 8. Dear reader, think of it.

Nevertheless ecclesiastical courts or

bodies have torn asunder the sacred ordinances of Christ, and it appears that the genius of man has not stopped yet, "*the cup*" must be improved on. According to newspapers, the probability is that there will be some kind of patent on it. No wonder that Christ said, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? Luke 18: 8.

To the obedient believers in Christ, it is a delight to see how the New Testament was concealed in the old, and how the old is revealed in the new, and how beautifully it harmonizes when seen in through the right light. But we do protest against some of those modern teachers' habits of allegorizing the plain saying of the Word of God, and spiritualizing it, when a plain and literal commandment is given. For instance, when Christ had washed his disciples' feet, he said, "I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you," and then say that all it means is to teach us a lesson of humility, or to go and see some sick person; to do a kind act to some body, etc., etc. God meant what he said under the old dispensation and executed his judgments, and Christ said "the word that I have spoken the same shall judge him in the last day." John 12 47, 48.

Beloved brethren and sisters, let us put on the armour of light and hold it up so the people can see it, and see that we are obedient to our commander, Christ, so we can say with David, "With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies as much as in all riches. I will meditate in thy precepts and have respect unto thy ways." Psa. 119: 13-15. David was a man after God's own heart. Acts 13: 22, and he rejoiced and had respect unto the precept and ways of the Lord. Let us rejoice in all the precepts and ways of our Lord Jesus Christ in practicing them and in living pure and holy lives to his names' honor and glory.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and we may enter in through the gates in to the city. Rev. 22: 13. If we do his commandments we have the promises, while if we do them not, we have no promise, and we want to be on the safe side, we are here on trial for eternity, and we have only one chance, and if God has a way to save those professing Christians *that do not his commandments or add to his commandments*, we have no objection. We love those who love the Lord, but Christ has said again and again, "if ye love me, keep my commandments." So we want to show our love by obedience and lay hold on his promises. And some of the last words in the *will* or covenant

of Christ which he gave through John, the beloved, and sealed with the spirit are these. For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book, and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things in this book. Rev. 22: 18, 19. Let us therefore be ready to be offered for Christ's sake, and be instruments in his hands for the salvation of many souls, and the extension of his cause and kingdom, and in the sweet by-and-by, we will receive the crown of righteousness "*at that day*," which he will give to all that love his appearing.

Herrington, Kans.

ASHAMED OF HIM.

LETHIA MILLER.

I am a reader of the EVANGELIST and must say that I appreciate its pages very much, and greatly enjoy the good news it brings to us of so many taking up the cross to follow in the footsteps of the blessed Master. When we take up his blessed word we learn there that he has done so much for fallen humanity, should it not be enough to stir our inmost souls to a sense of our duty to think that he in his infinite mercy came to this world to suffer the dreadful death of the cross, that we poor sinful creatures should have an inheritance in the world to come; exalting us to be heirs to his kingdom, even though now we are sometimes ashamed to own his name.

What would we think of a fellow-being, were we in some way to be the means of saving his life, if he would not tell any one of it, or even thank us for it? But so it is, that many of us are treating the word of the Lord, for how often do we hear his name taken in vain and we do not try to defend him? Is not this an open shame that we cannot speak a word for him who has done so much for us? Now let us put on the whole armor of God and fight willingly for his cause, so that the world may see our good works and glorify the Father which is in heaven.

THE SINS OF THE FATHERS.

"Father, is yours a long sermon to-day?"

"No, Jimmy, not very."

"But how long? Please tell me."

"Well, about twenty minutes, I should say. But why are you so anxious to know?"

"Because, father, the boys say they will thrash me awfully if you are more than half an hour."